

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**Members are advised that following debate on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 890, the House will recess until approximately 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. to accommodate the Republican Conference with President Obama. Following the Republican Conference, the House will reconvene and take votes.

H.Res. 107 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 890 – Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Programs Act of 2013 (Rep. Camp – Ways and Means) (One Hour of Debate). The Rules committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways & Means. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions and waives all points of order against the legislation.

H.R. 890 – Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Programs Act of 2013 (Rep. Camp – Ways and Means) (One Hour of Debate). This bill prohibits the Secretary of HHS from using longstanding authority to issue waivers allowing states to conduct demonstration projects under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. It also reauthorizes the TANF program through December 31, 2013.

As a condition of receiving federal TANF funding, states are required to document the number of hours that welfare recipients spend in paid jobs, voluntary work or other activities directly related to finding employment. States that fail to meet the requirements may lose a portion of their federal TANF funds. On July 12, 2012, HHS issued a memo outlining conditions under which the Department would provide a limited waiver opportunity giving more flexibility in meeting those requirements to states that develop innovative plans to improve employment outcomes for TANF recipients. Specifically, states would only be granted waivers if they committed to move at least 20% more people from welfare to work compared to their past performance, and they could only keep the waivers if progress was documented within the program's first year. Both Republican and Democratic governors have requested such flexibility; both Republican and Democratic Administrations have used Section 1115 authority to issue welfare-related waivers in the past.

The TANF program's authorization is set to expire on March 27 – it was enacted as part of the current continuing budget resolution. H.R. 933, the full year CR and Defense Appropriations bill passed by the House last week did not include an extension of the TANF program, however the Senate CR currently includes an extension of TANF through September 30, 2013.

Bill Text for H.R. 890:

[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.R. 890:

[CRS Report](#) – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: Welfare Waivers

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, March 14: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to begin consideration of H.R. 803 – SKILLS Act (Rep. Foxx – Education and Workforce/Judiciary/Agriculture/Veterans' Affairs/Energy and Commerce/ Transportation/Infrastructure) (Subject to a Rule).

The Daily Quote

"Paul Ryan's budget is an amazing and wondrous document. Not only does it balance the budget in 10 years while reducing tax rates, it also does so without any pain or suffering — or even breaking a sweat. It achieves not just the longtime goals of policymakers — 'a safety net strengthened . . . retirement secured . . . a nation protected' — but also brings about changes in human nature that have bedeviled civilization from the beginning of time. 'This budget ends cronyism; eliminates waste, fraud and abuse,' Ryan's plan promises. 'Now, how do we do this?' Ryan (R-Wis.), the House Budget Committee chairman, asked with a magician's flourish as he unveiled his budget Tuesday morning. Here's how: The former Republican vice presidential candidate's budget eliminates ____ loopholes in the tax code, cutting the ____ and the ____ deductions. It reduces spending on the ____ program by ____ and the ____ program by _____. Retirees would see ____, students would experience ____ and the poor would be _____. There are so many blanks in Ryan's budget that it could be a Mad Libs exercise."

- Dana Milbank, Washington Post, 3/12/13